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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated April 17, 2001, extending the statutory period of response from July 17, 2001 to October 17, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$920 to cover the fee for the three month extension of time is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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